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SUBJECT: RECENT POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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1. SINCE OUR LAST ROUNDUP OF LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITY (REFTEL A), THE LIBERATION GROUPS HAVE CONCENTRATED THEIR EFFORTS OUTSIDE LUANDA. MPLA HAS INAUGURATED OFFICES IN LOBITO AND BENGUELA AND UNITA IN LOBITO AND SA DA BANDEIRA. FNLA HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO OPEN OFFICES IN LOBITO. NEITHER MPLA NOR UNITA HAS ATTEMPTED TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH ITSELF IN THE NORTH, TRADITIONALLY FNLA TERRITORY.

2. AT ITS INAUGURATIONS UNITA HAS EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR PRACTICAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEASURES. UNITA SPOKESMEN IN SA DA
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BANDEIRA BLAMED THE RECENT VIOLENCE ON THE PEOPLE'S LACK OF POLITICAL UNDERSTANDING, A STATEMENT INTENDED TO REASSURE WHITES

WHO GENERALLY FEAR THAT BLACKS PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS, EQUATE INDEPENDENCE WITH WHOLESAL TAKEOVER OF WHITE PROPERTY. UNITA IN EFFECT IS ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE WHITE FEAR IS ACCURATE BUT THAT UNITA'S "RE-EDUCATION" OF BLACKS WILL CORRECT THE PROBLEM.

3. IN A NOV 25 SPEECH IN BENGUELA, MPLA LUANDA BUREAU CHIEF LUCIO LARA HINTED AT A MORE FORTHCOMING MPLA ATTITUDE ON COOPERATION WITH THE FNLA AND UNITA. SOCROTES DASKALOS, THE NEW GOVERNOR OF BENGUELA DISTRICT, MET WITH LARA AND THE MPLA DELEGATION AND COUNSELLED THEM TO BOTH DEFEND WORKERS' INTERESTS AND AT THE SAME TIME NOT LET THE ECONOMY "DEGENERATE INTO CHAOS."

4. THE SHORT RUN SECURITY SITUATION REMAINS MUCH IMPROVED ALTHOUGH CONSIDERABLE URBAN AND RURAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY PERSISTS. LUANDA'S WHITES ARE ONLY SLIGHTLY REASSURED BY MPLA'S ARRESTS OF A HANDFUL OF HOODLUMS (REF B). THE QUESTION OF HOW COMMON CRIMINALS OBTAIN AUTOMATIC WEAPONS REMAINS UNANSWERED AND THERE IS WIDESPREAD DOUBT ABOUT HOW MANY OF THOSE WEAPONS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT AT LEAST THE WEAPONS ARE NOT NOW BEING USED, AS THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY. MPLA IS VERY CONCERNED THAT ITS ONCE GLOWING REPUTATION HAS BEEN BADLY TARNISHED BY THE VIOLENCE OF EARLY NOVEMBER AND THAT FNLA HAS SO QUICKLY ACHIEVED A LAW AND ORDER REPUTATION AFTER BEING FEARED FOR YEARS.

5. THE FACTS SURROUNDING FNLA'S REPORTED RECEIPT OF 200 TROOPS HERE (BY AIR ZAIRE JET) ARE STILL UNCLEAR. PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO DENY THE STORY (REF B). HOWEVER, AN ARMY SOURCE TOLD US THEY DID IN FACT ARRIVE. THE SOURCE HAS HEARD TWO VERSIONS, ONE THAT THE PLANE WAS FINALLY GIVEN PERMISSION AND ANOTHER THAT IT LANDED WITHOUT PERMISSION AND WITHOUT SUBSEQUENT INCIDENT. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AIR ZAIRE PLANES HAVE TAKEN ANGOLAN YOUTHS TO ZAIRE FOR "POLITICAL" TRAINING AND THIS IS ADMITTED BY THE PORTUGUESE.

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